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in which n is equal to 1 or 2 and Rf represents a linear or branched perfluoroalkyl radical containing from 4 to 8 carbon atoms,

wherein said composition does not exhibit a flash point under standard determination conditions (ASTM standard D 3828) (and has physical characteristics similar to those of CFC 113 and HCFC 141b.) new matter

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 15 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended by reciting the phrase "consisting essentially of" in the preamble of the claim and by adding thereto that the physical characteristics of the composition are similar to those of CFC 113 and HCFC 141b. Support for those amendments appears on page 2 of the present specification. No new matter is involved. Entry is requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication on page 2 of the Office Action that the four rejections on formal grounds and on prior art have been withdrawn.

Claims 1 through 15 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zisman, et al. (the '672) in view of Bil, et al. (the '301 patent). Applicants traverse this rejection.

As pointed out in the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action, Zisman, et al. differs from the present invention in the use of the surface active agents such as those recited in claims 7 and 8 in the present application and does not disclose compositions which do not exhibit a flash point under standard determination conditions. The Office Action relies upon the secondary reference to teach halogenated solvents in